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Tennessee has passed a State prohibition law. More juggling for joyous Jacksonville.

Wonder if the express companies have anything to do with all this prohibition legislation?

Taft was wined and dined in Georgia and South Carolina until, finally, he had to take to the high seas to escape 'possum and 'simmon beer.

Jacksonville business men have organized a joint stock company, with a capital of \$25,000, or \$25,000,000 (we forget which) and are going to show the Sanford people how to grow celery. The harrowing details will be published later. Jacksonville should continue to harvest the crop, letting the smaller towns grow it.

A few years ago Louisiana was wrought up over the lottery business, and when the great Louisiana State Lottery was driven from her borders many of the people thought the State would go to the demerol bow-wows. Racing followed the lottery and became the great evil there, as it was until last year in New York State. Now racing has been driven from Louisiana, as from New York. Wonder what the next swing of the pendulum will bring forth?

Jacksonville's council refuses to sit by idly and see the telephone trust increase its rates, as the trust threatens to do. But the same council sees the insurance trust run up rates on all without a protest. The telephone trust should get a few stockholders on the council. If there has ever been a protest entered by the Jacksonville City council, or the council of any other town in Florida, against the arbitrary trust insurance rates fixed by the tariff association the fact has escaped the attention of THE NEWS.

The State Federation of Labor met in Palatka last week, about fifty delegates from the principal towns in the State being present. The DeLand Carpenters' Union was represented by W. J. Keown, who secured the next session of the union for DeLand. Officers were elected as follows: President, Senator Louis W. Zim, St. Augustine; 1st vice-president, J. P. Bradford, Tampa; 2d vice-president, John Pomar, St. Augustine; 3d vice-president, Jos. N. Smith, Jacksonville; 4th vice-president, H. L. Howell, Tampa; 5th vice-president, Louis Ortigo, Tampa; 6th vice-president, Jennie M. Williams, Palatka; secretary and treasurer, J. A. Roberts, Tampa; legislature committee, W. F. Edgerton, St. Augustine; L. P. Head, Pensacola, and Chas. Leidy, Tallahassee. Delegate to American Federation Convention, J. T. Blackman, Tampa.

LEGISLATIVE CONTESTS.

The approaching session of the legislature of 1909 is near at hand, and this reminds us that there are two very important offices to be filled by these solons—Speaker of the House of Representatives, and President of the State Senate.

The constitution of Florida provides that in case of the death, res-

ignation, impeachment, or inability to act of the governor that the duties of that office shall be discharged by the president of the State senate, and in the event the president of the senate can not act then the duties of this important office fall to the Speaker of the House of Representatives. For these reasons then it is highly important that the legislative solons make no mistake in the choice of their presiding officers.

For president of the State Senate two names have been mentioned, and the choice will undoubtedly fall to one of these two men. Joseph H. Humphries, of Manatee county, and representing the district composed of the counties of Manatee and DeSoto, is one of the aspirants. Senator Humphries has already served one term in the senate and is thoroughly familiar with the duties required of a presiding officer. He is the editor of the Bradentown Journal and has for years been an interested spectator and active participant in the political affairs of the State.

The other candidate for this important position is Frederick M. Hudson, of Miami, who represents the district composed of Dade, Brevard, and St. Lucie counties. Senator Hudson has also had experience in legislative work, having represented his district for four years in the senate. He is a lawyer of Miami, and stands at the head of the legal profession in this State. In our opinion Senator Hudson had no equal in the last State senate and we do not believe the senate of Florida has ever seen an abler man, one more conscientious in his work and better equipped with knowledge and ability to accomplish real results in the way of legislation than the gentleman from Miami. While we have the highest regard for Senator Humphries, yet we believe that it will be a sad mistake for the State if the senators who go to Tallahassee next April fail to elect Fred Hudson their presiding officer.

The race for Speaker of the House of Representatives has not crystallized as has the contest for the first place among the senators. Among the more prominent candidates are Jon L. Farris, of Jacksonville, Syd. L. Carter, of Gainesville, and James E. Alexander, of DeLand. There is some talk of John L. Neeley, of Tallahassee, and William A. MacWilliams, of St. Augustine, but we do not believe these men will figure in the final result at Tallahassee.

Judge Farris is a young lawyer who has worked his way to the front, and deserves great credit for what he has already accomplished in life. He is said to be a good politician and he is confident of winning out in his race for the Speakership. There are some who say that Farris wants the job of speaker simply as a stepping stone to Congress, but we have never heard the young Jacksonville lawyer make such a statement. We do know that he wants to relieve Frank Clark of his duties in Washington, and if he gets to be speaker it might prove a stepping stone.

Judge Syd. Carter, of Gainesville, is going to prove a formidable opponent. He has many friends who are enthusiastically backing him for the place, and on the first roll call the Gainesville lawyer is going to get a good vote.

This brings us down to "Jeems" Alexander—dear old Jim Alack. If we had a vote it would have to go to Alexander, the Monarch of the Winnimissett. There are few men in this State with bigger hearts than Jim Alexander, and no kinder, more lovable characters. Jim may not win the speakership but he is going to have a good time

during the session, and if the Evening News had a vote Jim would be the man to get it.—Pensacola News.

FLORIDA PRODUCTS IN NEW YORK

New York, Jan. 23.—The Florida orange market this week has shown no decided change compared with last week. Prices on the street range from \$2 to \$3 and the receipts are mostly of very good quality. Good Indian River pineapple fruit is bringing as high as \$3.50. Tangerines are selling at \$3 to \$4, which is a slight advance over last week's quotations.

Grapefruit, of which the receipts were very heavy for the past few weeks, has slackened up somewhat, and the market is beginning to get cleaned up. Prices range from \$1.50 to \$2.50.

The lighter receipts of lettuce have greatly improved prices. The unusually heavy receipts for the past few weeks have decreased and prices range from \$1 to \$2.25, according to quality. Most of the sales reported were made at \$1.25 to \$1.50. Romaine lettuce is selling at \$1; peas, of which there are very few coming, are selling at \$3 to \$5; beans \$1.50 and fancy stock as high as \$3.50. Peppers bring \$3 to \$4. Cauliflower is selling mostly at \$1.25 to \$1.50, with the fancy offerings bringing as high as \$2 a basket.

Florida tomatoes remain about the same as last week, \$1.50 to

Buckskin moccasins, hand-made by the Indians, just received at Reeve & Howard's.

\$2.50. Eggplant is selling at \$3 to \$4 and white squash at \$1.50.

The receipts of strawberries during the week have shown an increase. Quite a few open crates are coming in and the price on these is from 25 to 35c. Stock packed in refrigerator crates sells mostly at 30 to 35c.—The Packer.

GIVE THEM A CHANCE.

We hope that latest cold spell predicted by the weather bureau will reach here so that the dear young things who have spent hubby's money for long coats, furs, muffs, etc., will have a chance to use them once or twice before spring sets in. What made us almost shed tears was to see a couple going down the street the other afternoon all wrapped up in winter togs, with hands in muffs, trying their best to appear cold; at a wide place in the sidewalk they almost stumbled over a crowd of small boys down on their knees playing marbles, without a sign of a shoe on. We want to see it turn cool.—Florida News.

DIED IN CANAL ZONE.

Balboa Lodge, No. 4, K. of P., of Las Cascades, Panama Canal Zone, recently notified Fountain City Lodge, No. 56, K. of P., of this city, of the death of a member, Gadsden Harper, and that the body had been sent home.

Young Harper was a son of Noah Harper, of Tomoka settlement, and was accidentally killed at some point on the Panama canal on or about December 20. He was 25 or 26 years of age.

The remains arrived at Ormond Monday and were buried beside those of his

mother in Tomoka cemetery Tuesday morning.

A committee from Fountain City Lodge composed of W. M. Moore, C. B. Gailer, W. S. Edwards and A. K. Brockaw, drove to the Harper home, seventeen miles northwest of Daytona, Sunday to tender the sympathy of the lodge and to offer any assistance within their power.—Daytona News.

Fresh fish received daily at Marsh Bros. Market.

UPHOLDING AUTHORITY.

A score of years ago W. J. Connors, now chairman of the New York Democratic State Committee, secured his first great freight-handling contract, and when the work was ready to start he appeared on the Ohio Street dock at Buffalo and called a thousand burly "dock wallopers" together.

"Now," roared Connors, "yez are to worruk for me, and I want ivery man here to understand what's what. I kin lick anny man in the gang."

Ninety-nine swallowed the insult, but one huge, double-fisted warrior moved uneasily, and stepping from the line he said "You can't lick me, Jim Connors."

"I can't, can't I?" bellowed "Fingy."

"No ye can't," was the response.

"Oh, well; thin go to the office and git your money," said "Fingy." "I'll have no man in me gang that I can't lick."—Success.

Would like to exchange some Northern improved land for team of horses and outfit to travel with. H. C. Summers, Gen. Del. DeLand, Fla.

We have noticed, in watching children play ball, that the poor man's child runs for the ball when it flies to an out-of-the-way corner, while the rich man's child calmly waits. A little money begins to make a difference early.

Roses and Violets at Rosecroft, West Rich Ave., DeLand.

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